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Government forces at Kampot are slowly expanding the city's northeastern and southeastern defense perimeters in the face of moderate opposition. Khmer Communist actions against Kampot in the past few days have been confined to scattered shellings. Elsewhere in the countryside, a Cambodian Army brigade launched a clearing operation along Route 4 ten miles west of Kompong Speu City. So far, the government unit has met little resistance.

In the Phnom Penh region, the Communist are still harassing the 1,800-man government position at Lovek 25 miles north of the capital. Other government forces nearby at Kompong Luong--involved in the recent unsuccessful effort to retake Oudong--continue to receive supplies up the Tonle Sap River from Phnom Penh. Resupply

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convoys are still being subjected to Communist harassing fire.

Five miles southeast of Phnom Penh, government troops have made no progress in dislodging well-entrenched insurgent elements from positions on both banks of the Bassac River.

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